



Order of Worship April 13, 2025 Sixth Sunday of Lent

We Gather to Worship God

Welcome Worship in Song Call to Worship Worship in Song Prayer

We Listen to the Word

Sermon Series: ALIVE Sermon: "Part VI. Afraid"

We Come to the Table

Prayer of Confession and Consecration The Lord's Prayer We Eat and Drink Together We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song Prayer

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life Doxology Blessing and Sending

Words to music, responsive readings and The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen



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Doggy Bag-



Some questions to chew on:

- 1. Why do you think the resurrection of Lazarus was the event that ended Jesus' ministry and led to his crucifixion?
- 2. It was said in the sermon: "Not everybody wants a resurrection." Do you agree? Why or why not? How have you seen this play out?
- 3. How has fear operated in your life and in your relationship with God?
- 4. Why does fear keep us from "rolling stones away?" Has there ever been a time you kept an area of your life from being touched by Jesus? What happened?
- 5. How did fear blind the Sanhedrin from seeing God's hand? What is significant about Caiphas' unintended prophecy?
- 6. Do you fear change and loss? How does fear, especially fear of loss, blind us from seeing God's hand and Jesus' call in our lives?
- 7. How does fear sometimes make killing or harm (of a reputation, relationship, person, dream, etc) seem reasonable? Have you ever seen someone try to protect themselves by making someone else into an enemy?
- 8. What did the religious leaders think Jesus was doing when he entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday? How is Jesus a different kind of king?

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ALIVE "Part VI. Afraid" Pastor Kris Beckert

Has fear ever caused you to do something you regret?

- I. A Story of Resurrection in the Bible: ______ and _____
 - Was the event that ended Jesus' ministry and led to Jesus' _____
 - Takes place in the town of ______
 - Jesus receives news that _____ is sick but delays going
 - By the time he and the disciples get there, Lazarus has been dead for _____ days

John 11:38-40 Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹ "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days." ⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"

- Differences from the other resurrection stories:
- II. Fear can lead us to do some crazy things:
 - 1. Fear keeps us from _____

Martha was afraid of what Jesus would find inside the ______

2. Fear blinds us from _____

John 11:45-54 Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him. ⁴⁶ But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done. ⁴⁷ Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin. "What are we accomplishing?" they asked. "Here is this man performing many signs. ⁴⁸ If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our temple and our nation." ⁴⁹ Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, "You know nothing at all! ⁵⁰ You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish." ⁵¹ He did not say this on his own, but as high priest that year he prophesied that Jesus would die for the Jewish nation, ⁵² and not only for that nation but also for the scattered children of God, to bring them together and make them one. 53 So from that day on they plotted to take his life. 54 Therefore Jesus no longer moved about publicly among the people of Judea. Instead he withdrew to a region near the wilderness, to a village called Ephraim, where he stayed with his disciples.

- The Sanhedrin was afraid of Jesus causing a
- They were afraid of losing ______
- They did not see what _____ was really doing

3. Fear can make _____

John 12:9-13 Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ¹⁰ So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, ¹¹ for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and believing in him. ¹² The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. ¹³ They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the king of Israel!"

- The chief priests wanted to kill ______
 because he also drew the crowd
- Jesus' entry into Jerusalem brought together symbols of the two holidays of _____ &

John 12:17-19 Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. ¹⁸ Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. ¹⁹ So the Pharisees said to one another, "See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!"

Big Idea: